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1. As part of the electrification scheme for Slovakia, a dam is being constructed on the Orava river at Ustie nad Oravou (Q50/Y12, between the Western Beskids and the High Tatra mountains of northern Slovakia). This dam will cause the formation of a lake 45 square kilometers in area in the valleys of the Biala Orava and Cierna Orava rivers, the shoreline being at about the 600-meter contour line. The northeastern tip will be in Polish territory. The Slovak towns of Ustie nad Oravou and Namestovo (about 7 kilometers WNW of Ustie n. Oravou), which will be submerged, have been evacuated. 50X1-HUM

The dam will be 27 meters high and its main purpose will be to supply water to power stations further down the Orava valley. There will be a small power station at Ustie nad Oravou itself, comprising two 50,000 cu.m. turbines. Comment: The unit given is either incomplete, with the time element omitted, or altogether incorrect.) 50X1-HUM

3. This scheme originated as far back as 1941, and the first construction work was actually commenced towards the end of 1943. It has been recommended, and completion is envisaged for 1953. The whole is a part of the Two-Year and Five-Year Plans.

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